

material such as a metal to accommodate for the clamping forces exerted thereto by the mounting clamp 2. Preferably, the first, second and top pads 41, 43 and 45 are comprised of a rubber material such as a hard rubber.

5 The cushioning properties of the first, second and top pads 41, 43 and 45 serve to protect the hull 7 and gunnel 5 from clamping forces exerted by the trolling motor's mounting clamp 2.

10 Because many varying and differing embodiments may be made within the scope of the inventive concept herein taught and because many modifications may be made in the embodiment herein detailed in accordance with the descriptive requirement of the law, it is to be understood that the details herein are to be interpreted
15 as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

What is claimed as invention is:

1. A hull and gunnel protector for use with a motor comprising:

(a) a U-shaped cover having a L-shaped member having a planar base and a planar side perpendicularly coupled, integrally, to one side of said planar base and a hinged planar member hingedly coupled perpendicularly to the other side of said planar base;

(b) a first pad affixed to an interior side of said planar side along a bottom portion thereof;

(c) a second pad affixed to an interior side of said hinged planar member along a bottom portion thereof; and,

(d) a internal gunnel cavity between an upper portion of the planar side and the hinged planar member and the planar base for receipt of a hull's gunnel.

2. The protector of CLAIM 1, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness approximately one-half of a width of said planar base; and,

the second pad has a second thickness less than

the first thickness.

3. The protector of CLAIM 1, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness proportional to a width of said planar base; and,

5 the second pad has a second thickness proportional to the width of said planar base wherein the first thickness and the second thickness together are less than said width to create a cushioned gap between said first pad and said second pad.

10 4. The protector of CLAIM 3, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise rubber.

5. The protector of CLAIM 4, further comprising:
a top pad coupled to an interior side of the planar base.

15 6. The protector of CLAIM 5, wherein the L-shaped member and the hinged planar member comprise a metal material.

7. The protector of CLAIM 5, wherein the first, second and top pads are arranged to create cushion in the
20 internal gunnel cavity dimensioned to accommodate and protect therein the hull's gunnel and the cushioned gap is dimensioned to accommodate and protect therein a

hull's sidewall.

8. The protector of CLAIM 7, wherein:

the hinged planar member is adapted to be rotated from an open position to a closed position;

5 in the open position the hull's gunnel is received in the internal gunnel cavity; and,

in the closed position the hull's gunnel is enclosed in the internal cavity and the hull's sidewall is sandwiched between the first pad and the second pad.

10 9. The protector of CLAIM 3, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise hard rubber.

10. The protector of CLAIM 1, wherein:

a width of said planar base is greater than a width of the hull's gunnel or gunwale.

15 11. A hull and gunnel protector comprising:

(a) an L-shaped member having a planar base and a planar side perpendicularly coupled, integrally, to one side of said planar base;

(b) a hinged planar member hingedly coupled perpendicularly to the other side of said planar base;

20 (c) a first pad affixed to an interior side of said planar side along a bottom portion thereof; and,

(d) a second pad affixed to an interior side of said hinged planar member along a bottom portion thereof wherein an internal gunnel cavity is created between an upper portion of the planar side and the hinged planar member and the planar base for receipt of a hull's gunnel.

12. The protector of CLAIM 11, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness approximately one-half of a width of said planar base; and,

the second pad has a second thickness less than the first thickness.

13. The protector of CLAIM 12, wherein:

the first pad has a first thickness proportional to a width of said planar base; and,

the second pad has a second thickness proportional to the width of said planar base wherein the first thickness and the second thickness together are less than said width to create a cushioned gap between said first pad and said second pad.

14. The protector of CLAIM 13, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise rubber.

15. The protector of CLAIM 14, further comprising:
a top pad coupled to an interior side of the
planar base.

16. The protector of CLAIM 15, wherein the L-shaped
5 member and the hinged planar member comprise a metal
material.

17. The protector of CLAIM 15, wherein:

the L-shaped member and the hinged planar
member form a substantially inverted U-shaped cover; and,

10 the first, second and top pads are arranged to
create cushion in the internal gunnel cavity dimensioned
to accommodate therein said hull's gunnel and the
cushioned gap is dimensioned to accommodate therein a
hull's sidewall.

15 18. The protector of CLAIM 17, wherein:

the hinged planar member is adapted to be
rotated from and open position to a closed position;

in the open position the hull's gunnel is
received in the internal gunnel cavity; and,

20 in the closed position the hull's gunnel is
enclosed in the internal cavity and the hull's sidewall
is sandwiched between the first pad and the second pad.

19. The protector of CLAIM 13, wherein the first pad and the second pad comprise hard rubber.

20. The protector of CLAIM 11, wherein:

a width of said planar base is greater than a
5 width of said gunnel.